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THE BLUEBERRY BUSINESS.

AFTER sixteen years of experimentation, the United States Department of Agriculture has established the growing of blueberries as a commercial industry. The experimental work has been carried on at Whitesbog, New Jersey, where over twenty thousand hybrids have been tested. About a half-dozen of the best of these have been placed in the hands of several nurserymen, but only one, the Pioneer, is as yet commercially available.

Unfortunately several unscrupulous nurseries have taken advantage of this fact by advertising blueberries in a misleading way. One company uses an illustration from a government bulletin and leads the reader to believe that the variety they are handling is similar to that shown in the illustration. But the facts are that all they are selling is the ordinary blueberry.

The chief requirements for blueberry culture is an acid soil, as the blueberry will not thrive in neutral or alkaline soil conditions.

